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I am glad to learn from Harold Weisberg's letter of June 29, that the "peace" convoy of trucks and supplies our "peace people" at Frederick (and elsewhere) tried to deliver to communist Nicaragua really amounted to nothing but broken down and worn out junk, and that I was badly mistaken in my estimate of its value. I guess our Peace Center here really is, only "a nickel and dime" leftist organization after all.

My opposition to the Frederick Peace Center in no way implies that I lack love and charity for the needy and underprivileged in this world. I lack neither! But I have no appreciation, nor affection, for an economic system that in itself is a lie. And socialistic communism is that lie!

The statements I have read by the Frederick Peace Center writers all bitterly ring with the condemnation of our capitalistic system, and lovingly praise the greatness of communism. And I repeat: This is shear stupidity!

Communism flat-out doesn't work. It inevitably results in absolute dictatorship, and in most cases even starts off that way. In spite of Mr. Weisberg's contention to the contrary, the Chinese are reverting to capitalism, and the Russians are trying it for the first time in their history.

Communism is dead, or dying, and is being replaced with the only economic system in this world that provides the means for individual ownership, and freedom through parlimentary government by people who thus govern themselves. And this system is capitalism, where you work for what you get and own it when you get it.

Where has communism benefited the people living under its rule? No where!

Where has capitalism benefited the people living under its system? Wherever it exists!

Even a person as stupid as Mr. Weisberg claims me to be can easily make the comparisons between the nations of this world under each of these systems. It doesn't really require much intelligence to conclude that one is good and the other isn't.

Which system do you advocate, Mr. Weisberg?

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